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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Nuclear Energy Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] W&TB/NEC 25X1A

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, COS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(WPIC)

SUBJECT: Search for Evidence of Explosion Along the Amu-Bukhara Canal, USSR

REFERENCES: Requirement No. C-814-81,865
CIA Project No. C 1586-64

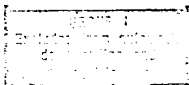
1. The area south of Bukhara, USSR, where the Amu-Bukhara Canal is under construction, has been searched on recent KEYHOLE photography for evidence of an explosion which occurred on 23 July 1964. The site of the explosion has been identified as being along a 8 mile section of the canal. The center of this section is located at approximately 39-21N 64-14E. 25X1D

2. Mission [REDACTED] shows preparations underway for placing explosive charges along the 8 mile section, which was between previously blasted sections of the canal. Closely spaced holes were visible at that time. Mission [REDACTED] shows the entire length of the 8 mile section has been blasted out. This is apparently the result of the 23 July 1964 explosion described in the 24 July article by G. Dimov, in the Pravda Vostoka. 25X1D

3. The new village of Khamza, apparently built for workers on the canal, is located on the south side of the canal at approximately 39-20N 64-04E. This is about 4 nautical miles (nm) west-southwest of the western end of the new section. The identification of this village as Khamza is based on an article by L. Chechkova in the 4 April 1964 issue of Vokrug Sveta, which included a map of the Amu-Bukhara canal and showed the location of the new village. A pumping station is under construction just north of Khamza. 25X1D

4. Photography of [REDACTED] covers the portion of the canal from Khamza westward to its connection with an older canal which leads to the Amu-Dar'ya River. The new section was not covered by this mission.

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5. Two copies of an overlay showing the alignment of the Amu-Bukhara Canal, keyed to AMS Map Sheets NJ 41-3 and NJ 41-4, Series DEMPA-1 (Top Secret Ruff), are enclosed. In addition, one copy each of 7x enlargements from Missions [REDACTED] showing the new section of the canal are enclosed for your retention.

6. The following photography was used in this study:

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7. The photo analysts on this project were [REDACTED]. They may be contacted on extension 2010 should you have further questions regarding this requirement.

8. This memorandum with enclosures completes the referenced requirement.

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Enclosures:

CIA/PID/ABCS/P-284 & 285/64 (Photo Enlargements)
CIA/PID/ABCS/P-286/64 (Overlay) (2 copies)
Total of 4 Enclosures

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AMU-SUEHARA CANAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION



PUMPING STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

KHAMLA

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AYU-BUYANA CANAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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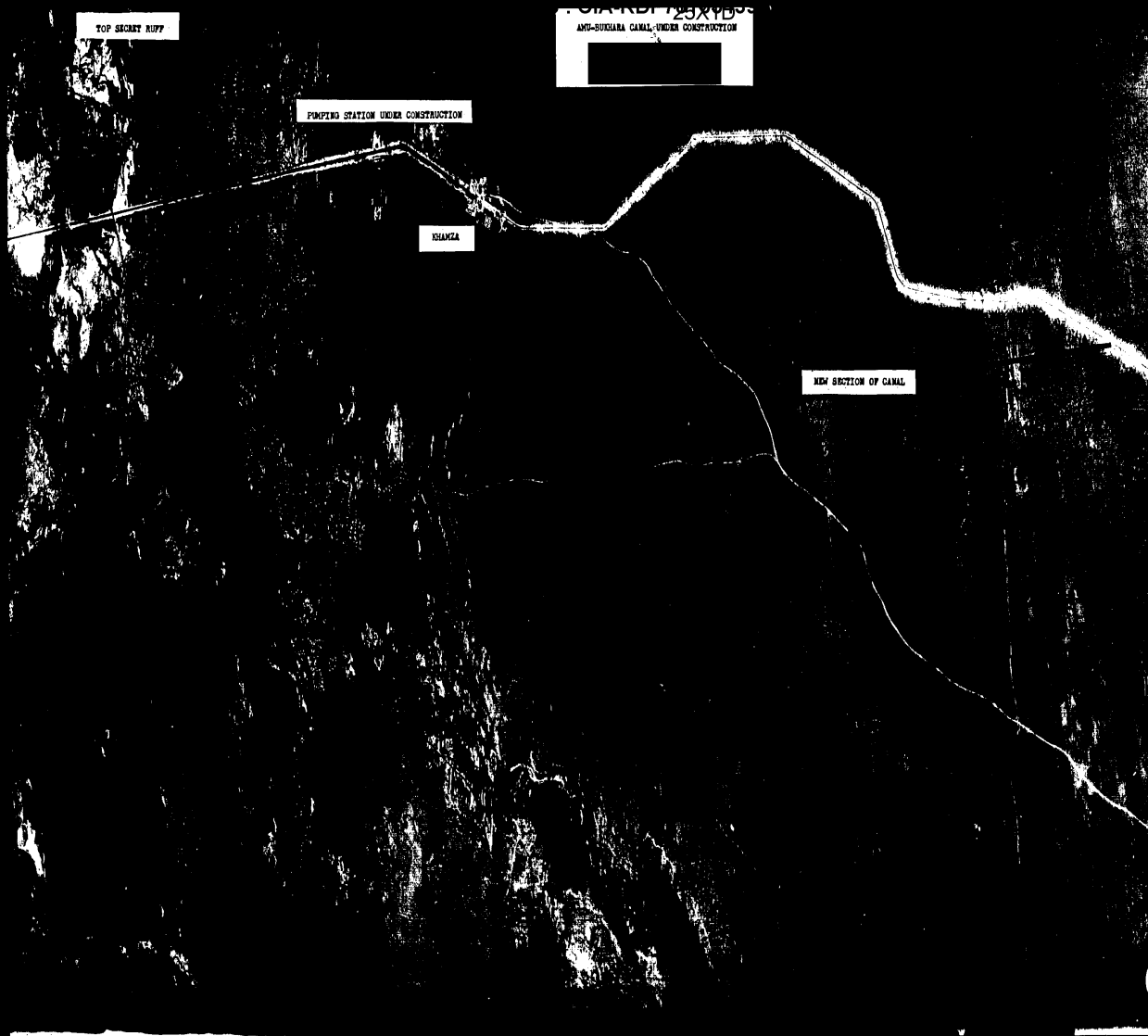
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AMU-SUKHARA CANAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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KHAKKA

NEW SECTION OF CANAL



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